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For: FULL DUPLEX HEADSET WITH SEPARATE FUNCTION  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows. **RECEIVED**

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Please add the following paragraph after the title of the invention:

B) --This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/989,816, filed December 12, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,370,245, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/801,525, filed February 18, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,907,538.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. A full duplex audio headset, comprising:  
a first ear piece including a rigid housing for coupling to a headband, the ear piece also including an insertion portion for inserting inside a first ear canal and containing a microphone configured to pickup voice signals of a headset operator output from an ear canal and convert the voice signals into electrical transmit signals and output the electrical transmit signals from the headset as an electrical representation of the voice signals of the headset operator; and